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Remarks:

Claims 1 to 3, 7 and 10 are pending in the application. Claims 4 to 6, 8 and 9 have been previously cancelled. Claims 11 to 17 have been withdrawn as a result of an earlier restriction requirement.

With respect of the rejection of claims 1-3, 7 and 10 for allegedly being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, reconsideration by the Examiner is respectfully requested on the ground that claim 1 has been amended to replace the expression "the group consisting of Taq polymerase and Vent,® polymerase" with the expression "the group consisting of a *Thermus aquaticus* DNA polymerase and a *Thermococcus literalis* DNA polymerase mutant". Support for this amendment can be found in paragraph [0057] of the present application. The Applicant respectfully submits that the present amendment is sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 1-3, 7 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by the present amendment.

It is therefore submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection is respectfully requested. Allowance of claims 1-3, 7 and 10 at an early date is solicited.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

No fees are believed to be required by this response. However, should this be an error, authorization is hereby given to charge deposit account 19-5113 for any underpayment or to credit any overpayment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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